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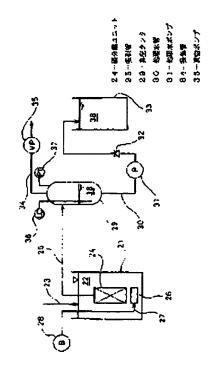
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#### (54)【発明の名称】 膜分離ユニットの吸引装置

#### (57)【要約】

【構成】 膜分離ユニット24の透過液流路に連通する吸引管25を真空タンク29に接続して設け、真空タンク29の底部に連通して処理水管30を設け、処理水管30の途中に処理水ボンブ31を介装し、真空タンク29の頂部に連通して真空ポンプ35を設けた。

【効果】 真空タンク29において処理水38の気液分離を行うことにより、処理水ボンプ31に気泡が咬み込まず、円滑な処理水38の取り出しを行うことができるとともに、タンク内を一定の負圧に維持することにより、安定した吸引効率を得ることができ、結果として膜分能ユニット24におけるフラックスが一様なものとなる。



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#### 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 接処理水が流入する膜分離槽内に膜分離 ユニットを浸漬配置し、購分離ユニットの透過液流路に 連通する吸引管を真空タンクに接続して設け、真空タン クの底部に連通して処理水管を設け、処理水管の途中に 処理水ボンブを介装し、真空タンクの頂部に連通して真 空ポンプを設けたことを特徴とする膜分離ユニットの吸 引装置。

【請求項2】 仮処理水が流入する膜分離槽内に膜分離 連通する吸引管を吸引タンクに接続して設け、吸引タン クの底部に連通して処理水管を設け、処理水管の途中に 処理水ボンブを介装し、開閉弁を介装した給水管を吸引 タンクに連通して設けたことを特徴とする膜分離スニッ トの吸引装置。

#### 【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、槽内において固接分離 を行う膜分離ユニットの吸引装置に関する。

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来、水処理において濾過装置を用いる 模成としては、例えば図3に示すようなものがある。図 3において、反応措1には原水供給管2を通して、下 水」し尿等の原水が流入し、原水は反応槽1内の活性汚 泥と混合して混合液3を形成する。また、プロアー4に より空気5を送気管6を通して散気装置7に供給し、散 気装置?から上方に向けて空気5を曝気する。との曝気 によって混合液3中に酸素を供給するとともに、空気5 のエアリフト作用により生起する上昇振拌流によって反

【0003】一方、膜分能ユニット8によって反応槽1 内の混合液3を固液分離し、膜分離ユニット8の濾過膜 を透過した透過液は処理水9として吸引ポンプ10によ り吸引管11を通して処理水槽12に取り出す。

[0004]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかし、上記した従来 の構成において、ユニット内部の透過液流路ないしは吸 引管11が負圧であるので、膜分離ユニット8の遮過膜 を透過した透過液中には減圧のために気泡が生じる。こ の気泡が吸引ポンプ 1 () に咬み込んで吸引作用を阻害 し、膜分離ユニットにおける透過流速が低下する問題が あった。

【0005】本発明は上記課題を解決するもので、透過 液中の気泡に影響されることなく、常に膜分離ユニット に一定の負圧を与えることができる膜分離ユニットの吸 引続置を提供することを目的とする。

[0006]

【課題を解決するための手段】上記課題を解決するため

**添入する膜分能槽内に膜分能ユニットを浸漬配置し、膜** 分能コニットの透過液流路に連通する吸引管を真空タン クに接続して設け、真空タンクの底部に連通して処理水 管を設け、処理水管の途中に処理水ポンプを介装し、真 **型タンクの頂部に連通して真空ポンプを設けた構成とし** たものである。

【0007】本発明の膜分離ユニットの吸引装置は、彼 処理水が流入する膜分離槽内に膜分離ユニットを浸漬配 置し、膜分離ユニットの遠過液流器に返通する吸引管を ユニットを浸漬配置し、幾分離ユニットの透過液流路に 10 吸引タンクに接続して設け、吸引タンクの底部に迫通し て処理水管を設け、処理水管の途中に処理水ボンプを介 袋し、関閉弁を介装した鉛水管を吸引タンクに直通して 設けた構成としたものである。

[0008]

【作用】上記した本発明の第1の構成に係る膜分離ユニ ットの吸引装置においては、真空ポンプの駆動により真 空タンクおよび吸引管を介して膜分離ユニットに一定の 負圧を与える。この状態において、膜分離槽内に滯留す る族処理水を膜分離ユニットで固液分離し、濾過膜を透 20 過した透過液を処理水として透過液流路および吸引管を 通して真空タンクに吸引する。真空タンク内に流入した 処理水は真空タンクの底部側に滞留し、減圧によって生 じた気泡をタンク内の水面上に放出して気液が分離す る。真空タンク内の処理水は処理水ポンプにより処理水 管を通って外部に取り出し、真空タンク内の気体は真空 ボンブによって外部に取り出す。

【0009】したがって、真空タンクにおいて処理水の 気波分離を行うことにより、処理水ポンプに気泡が咬み 込まず、円滑な処理水の取り出しを行うことができると 応槽1内の混合液3を操拌混合しながら槽内で循環させ、30 ともに、真空ポンプによって真空タンク内を一定の負圧 に維持することにより、安定した吸引効率を得ることが でき、結果として膜分離ユニットにおけるフラックスが 一様なものとなる。

> 【0010】本発明の第2の構成に係る膜分離ユニット の吸引装置においては、道転初期時に、関閉弁を開放し て給水管から吸引タンク内に始動用水を供給し、吸引タ ンク内を始動用水で満たす。そして、開閉弁を閉塞し、 処理水ポンプにより処理水管を通して吸引タンク内の鉛 動用水を引き抜き、吸引タンク内に負圧を生じさせる。 40 この状態で、膜分離槽内に滞留する接処理水を膜分離ュ ニットで固液分離し、濾過膜を透過した透過液を処理水 として透過液流路および吸引管を通して吸引タンクに吸 引する。吸引タンク内に流入した処理水は吸引タンクの 底部側に滞留し、減圧によって生じた気泡をタンク内の 水面上に放出して気液が分離する。吸引タンク内の処理 水は処理水ボンブにより処理水管を追って外部に取り出

【0011】したがって、吸引タンクにおいて処理水の 気液分離を行うことにより、処理水ポンプに気泡が較み に、本発明の幾分離ユニットの吸引装置は、彼処理水が、50、込まず、円滑な処理水の取り出しを行うことができると

ともに、安定した吸引効率を得ることができ、結果とし て膜分離ユニットにおけるブラックスが一様なものとなっ る.

#### [0012]

【実施例】以下、本発明の一実施例を図面に基づいて説 明する。図1において、驥分離槽21の内部には彼処理 水22を貯留しており、この波処選水22は原水供給管 23を通して供給する下水やし尿等の原水と活性汚泥と の混合液である。

ト24を浸漬配置しており、膜分離ユニット24は板状 をなす複数の膜モジュールを適当間隙をおいて上下方向 に平行に配置したものであり、各膜モジュールの透過液 施路に連通して吸引管25を設けている。また、膜分離 椿21の底部には膜分離ユニット24の下方に位置して 散気管26を配置しており、散気管26には送気管27 を介してプロアー28を接続している。

【1)014】吸引管25は真空タンク29に連通してお り、真空タンク29の底部には処理水管30が開口して いる。処理水管30の途中には処理水ポンプ31および 20 逆止弁32を介続しており、処理水管30の先端は処理 水槽33に関口している。また、真空タンク29の頂部 に開口して吸気管34を設けており、吸気管34には真 空ポンプ35を接続している。さらに、真空タンク29 には水位計36および圧力計37を設けている。

【10015】以下、上記構成おける作用を説明する。ブ ロアー28により送気管27を通して散気管26に空気 を供給し、散気管26から上方に向けて曝気する。この 輾気した空気のエアリフト作用により生起する上昇微拌 流によって、膜分離槽21内の被処理水22を捌拌し、 かつ槽内で循環させる。

【0016】一方、真空ポンプ35の駆動により真空タ ング29内の気体を吸気管34を通じて外部に排出し、 圧力計37で計測しながら真空タンク29内を一定の負 圧に維持することにより、真空タンク29および吸引管 25を介して購分離ユニット24に一定の負圧を与え る。この状態において、膜分離槽21内に滞留する彼処 選水22を膜分離ユニット24で固液分離し、濾過膜を 透過した透過液を処理水として透過液流器および吸引管 25を通して真空タンク29に吸引する。

【10017】真空タンク29内に施入した処理水38は 真空タンク29の底部側に滯留し、減圧によって生じた 気泡をタンク内の水面上に放出して気液が分離する。真 空タンク29内の気体は真空ポンプ35により吸気管3 4を通して外部に取り出す。また、水位計36で計測す る真空タンク29内の水位が一定水位に達した時点で、 処理水ポンプ31を駆動し、処理水管30および逆止弁 32を通して真空タンク29内の処理水38を処理水槽 33に取り出す。

【0018】図2は本発明の他の実施例を示すものであ 50

り、先の実施例と同様の作用を行う部村については同一 香号を付して説明を省略する。図2において、吸引管2 5は密封式の吸引タンク41に連通しており、吸引タン ク41の底部に連通して処理水管30を設けている。

【0019】吸引タンク41の上部には給水管42が開 口しており、給水管42には関閉弁43を介装してい る。また、吸引タンク41の上部には逆止弁44を介装 した排気管45が連通している。

【0020】との構成においては、道転初期時に、関閉 【0013】核処理水22の適当水深下に膜分能ユニッ 10 弁43を開放して給水管42から吸引タンク41内に始 動用水を供給し、排気管45および逆止弁44を通して 吸引タンク41内の空気を排出しながら、吸引タンク4 1内を始動用水で満たす。そして、開閉弁43を閉塞 し、処理水ポンプ31により処理水管30を通して吸引 タンク41内の始動用水を引き抜き、吸引タンク41内 に負圧を生じさせる。

> 【0021】この状態で、膜分離槽21内に滞留する彼 処理水22を膜分離ユニット24で固波分離し、濾過膜 を遏遏した透過液を処理水38として透過液流路および - 吸引管25を通して吸引タンク41に吸引する。吸引タ ンク41内に流入した処理水38は吸引タンク41の底 部側に滞留し、減圧によって生じた気泡をタンク内の水 面上に放出して気液が分離する。そして、吸引タンク4 1内の処理水38を処理水ボンブ31により処理水管を 通して連続して吸引し、吸引タンク41内を一定の負圧 に維持するとともに、処理水38を処理水槽33に取り 出す。

#### [0022]

【発明の効果】以上述べたように本発明によれば、真空 30 タンクないし吸引タンクにおいて処理水の気液分離を行 うことにより、処理水ポンプに気泡が咬み込まず、円滑 な処理水の取り出しを行うことができるとともに、タン ク内を一定の負圧に維持することにより、安定した吸引 効率を得ることができ、結果として膜分離ユニットにお けるフラックスが一様なものとなる。

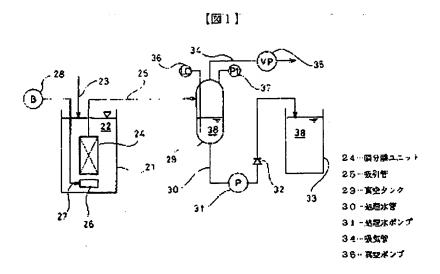
#### 【図面の簡単な説明】

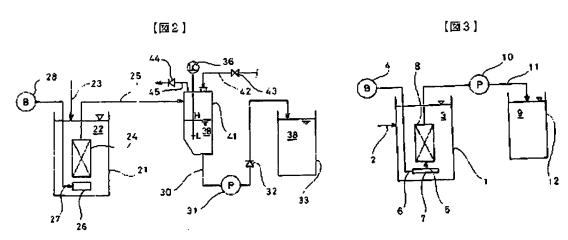
【図1】本発明の一実施例における膜分離ユニットの吸 引装置の全体構成図である。

【図2】本発明の他の真鍮側における膜分離ユニットの 40 吸引装置の全体構成図である。

【図3】従来の浸渍型濾過装置の全体構成図である。 【符号の説明】

- 24 膜分離ユニット
- 25 吸引管
- 29 真空タンク
- 3 () 処理水管
- 31 処理水ポンプ
- 34 吸気管
- 35 真空ポンプ





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#### **CLAIMS**

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The aspirator of the membrane-separation unit characterized by having carried out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, having connected with the vacuum tank, having prepared the siphon which is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit, it having been open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of a vacuum tank, and having formed treated water tubing, having infixed the treated water pump in the middle of treated water tubing, having been open for free passage in the crowning of a vacuum tank, and forming a vacuum pump.

[Claim 2] The aspirator of the membrane-separation unit characterized by to have carried out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, to have connected with the attraction tank, to have prepared the siphon which is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit, to have been open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of an attraction tank, to have formed treated water tubing, and to open for free passage and form the feed pipe which infixed the treated water pump in the middle of treated water tubing, and infixed the closing motion valve in an attraction tank.

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit which performs solid liquid separation in a tub.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, there is a thing as shown, for example in <u>drawing 3</u> as a configuration using a filter in water treatment. In <u>drawing 3</u>, to a reaction vessel 1, it lets the raw water supply pipe 2 pass, and raw water, such as sewage and nightsoil, flows, it mixes with the active sludge in a reaction vessel 1, and raw water forms mixed liquor 3. Moreover, air 5 is supplied to a diffuser 7 through an airpipe 6 by the blower 4, and aeration of the air 5 is carried out towards the upper part from a diffuser 7. It is made to circulate within a tub, while supplying oxygen into mixed liquor 3 by this aeration, carrying out stirring mixing of the mixed liquor 3 in a reaction vessel 1 by the lifting stirring style which occurs according to an airlift operation of air 5.

[0003] On the other hand, solid liquid separation of the mixed liquor 3 in a reaction vessel 1 is carried out with the membrane-separation unit 8, and the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane of the membrane-separation unit 8 is taken out to the treated water tub 12 through the siphon 11 with a suction pump 10 as treated water 9.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, in the above-mentioned conventional configuration, since the transparency liquid flow channel or siphon 11 inside a unit is negative pressure, in the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane of the membrane-separation unit 8, air bubbles arise for reduced pressure. These air bubbles checked the suction effect by \*\*\*\*\*\*\* to the suction pump 10, and there was a problem to which the transparency rate of flow in a membrane-separation unit falls.

[0005] It aims at offering the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit which can always give fixed negative pressure to a membrane-separation unit, without this invention's solving the above-mentioned technical problem, and being affected by the air bubbles in transparency liquid.

[0006]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem, it connects with a vacuum tank, the siphon which the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit of this invention carries out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, and is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit is prepared, it is open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of a vacuum tank, treated water tubing is formed, and a treated water pump is infixed in the middle of treated water tubing, and it considers as the configuration which was open for free passage in the crowning of a vacuum tank, and formed the vacuum pump.

[0007] It carries out as the configuration which the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit of this invention carried out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, connected with the attraction tank, prepared the siphon which is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit, was open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of an attraction tank, formed treated-water tubing, and opened for free

passage and formed the feed pipe which infixed the treated-water pump in the middle of treated-water tubing, and infixed the closing-motion valve in an attraction tank.

[0008]

[Function] In the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit concerning the 1st configuration of above-mentioned this invention, fixed negative pressure is given to a membrane-separation unit through a vacuum tank and the siphon by actuation of a vacuum pump. In this condition, solid liquid separation of the processed water which piles up in a membrane-separation tub is carried out in a membrane-separation unit, and it draws in to a vacuum tank through a transparency liquid flow channel and the siphon by using as treated water the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane. The treated water which flowed in the vacuum tank piles up in the pars-basilaris-ossis-occipitalis side of a vacuum tank, emits the air bubbles produced with reduced pressure on the water surface in a tank, and vapor-liquid separates it. The gas in ejection and a vacuum tank takes out the treated water in a vacuum tank outside a vacuum pump through treated water tubing with a treated water pump.

[0009] Therefore, while air bubbles can perform ejection of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* and smooth treated water on a treated water pump by performing vapor liquid separation of treated water in a vacuum tank, by maintaining the inside of a vacuum tank to fixed negative pressure with a vacuum pump, the stable attraction effectiveness can be acquired and the flux in a membrane-separation unit will become uniform as a result.

[0010] the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit concerning the 2nd configuration of this invention -setting -- the time of the early stages of operation -- a closing motion valve -- opening -- the inside of an
attraction tank from a feed pipe -- start up -- service water -- supplying -- the inside of an attraction tank -start up -- it fills with service water. and a closing motion valve -- blockading -- a treated water pump -treated water tubing -- letting it pass -- the start up in an attraction tank -- service water is drawn out and
negative pressure is produced in an attraction tank. In this condition, solid liquid separation of the processed
water which piles up in a membrane-separation tub is carried out in a membrane-separation unit, and it draws
in on an attraction tank through a transparency liquid flow channel and the siphon by using as treated water the
transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane. The treated water which flowed in the attraction
tank piles up in the pars-basilaris-ossis-occipitalis side of an attraction tank, emits the air bubbles produced
with reduced pressure on the water surface in a tank, and vapor-liquid separates it. The treated water in an
attraction tank is taken out outside through treated water tubing with a treated water pump.

[0011] Therefore, while air bubbles can perform ejection of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* and smooth treated water on a treated water pump by performing vapor liquid separation of treated water in an attraction tank, the stable attraction effectiveness can be acquired and the flux in a membrane-separation unit will become uniform as a result.

[0012]

[Example] Hereafter, one example of this invention is explained based on a drawing. In <u>drawing 1</u>, processed water 22 is stored in the interior of the membrane-separation tub 21, and this processed water 22 is the mixed liquor of raw water, such as sewage coconut urine supplied through the raw water supply pipe 23, and active sludge.

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[0014] The siphon 25 is open for free passage to the vacuum tank 29, and the treated water tubing 30 is carrying out opening to the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of a vacuum tank 29. In the middle of the treated water tubing 30, the treated water pump 31 and the check valve 32 are infixed, and opening of the head of the treated water tubing 30 is carried out to the treated water tub 33. Moreover, opening was carried out to the crowning of a vacuum tank 29, the inlet pipe 34 is formed, and the vacuum pump 35 is connected to an inlet pipe 34. Furthermore, the water gauge 36 and the pressure gage 37 are formed in the vacuum tank 29. [0015] the following and above-mentioned configuration — the operation to kick is explained. Air is supplied to

the powder trachea 26 through an airpipe 27 by the blower 28, and aeration is carried out towards the upper part from the powder trachea 26. The processed water 22 in the membrane-separation tub 21 is stirred, and it is made to circulate within a tub by the lifting stirring style which occurs according to this airlift operation of air that carried out aeration.

[0016] On the other hand, fixed negative pressure is given to the membrane-separation unit 24 through a vacuum tank 29 and the siphon 25 by maintaining the inside of a vacuum tank 29 to fixed negative pressure, discharging the gas in a vacuum tank 29 outside through an inlet pipe 34 by actuation of a vacuum pump 35, and measuring with a pressure gage 37. In this condition, solid liquid separation of the processed water 22 which piles up in the membrane-separation tub 21 is carried out in the membrane-separation unit 24, and it draws in to a vacuum tank 29 through a transparency liquid flow channel and the siphon 25 by using as treated water the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane.

[0017] The treated water 38 which flowed in the vacuum tank 29 piles up in the pars-basilaris-ossis-occipitalis side of a vacuum tank 29, emits the air bubbles produced with reduced pressure on the water surface in a tank, and vapor-liquid separates it. The gas in a vacuum tank 29 is taken out outside through an inlet pipe 34 with a vacuum pump 35. Moreover, when the water level in the vacuum tank 29 measured with a water gauge 36 reaches at least fixed water, the treated water pump 31 is driven and the treated water 38 in a vacuum tank 29 is taken out to the treated water tub 33 through the treated water tubing 30 and a check valve 32.

[0018] <u>Drawing 2</u> shows other examples of this invention, attaches the same number about the member which performs the same operation as a previous example, and omits explanation. In <u>drawing 2</u>, the siphon 25 was open for free passage on the seal-type attraction tank 41, was open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of the attraction tank 41, and has formed the treated water tubing 30.

[0019] The feed pipe 42 is carrying out opening to the upper part of the attraction tank 41, and the closing motion valve 43 is infixed in a feed pipe 42. Moreover, in the upper part of the attraction tank 41, the exhaust pipe 45 which infixed the check valve 44 is open for free passage.

[0020] this configuration -- setting -- the time of the early stages of operation -- the closing motion valve 43 -- opening -- the inside of the attraction tank 41 from a feed pipe 42 -- start up -- while supplying service water and discharging the air in the attraction tank 41 through an exhaust pipe 45 and a check valve 44 -- the inside of the attraction tank 41 -- start up -- it fills with service water. and the closing motion valve 43 -- blockading -- the treated water pump 31 -- the treated water tubing 30 -- letting it pass -- the start up in the attraction tank 41 -- service water is drawn out and negative pressure is produced in the attraction tank 41.

[0021] In this condition, solid liquid separation of the processed water 22 which piles up in the membrane-separation tub 21 is carried out in the membrane-separation unit 24, and it draws in on the attraction tank 41 through a transparency liquid flow channel and the siphon 25 by using as treated water 38 the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane. The treated water 38 which flowed in the attraction tank 41 piles up in the pars-basilaris-ossis-occipitalis side of the attraction tank 41, emits the air bubbles produced with reduced pressure on the water surface in a tank, and vapor-liquid separates it. And while attracting the treated water 38 in the attraction tank 41 continuously through treated water tubing with the treated water pump 31 and maintaining the inside of the attraction tank 41 to fixed negative pressure, treated water 38 is taken out to the treated water tub 33.

[0022]

[Effect of the Invention] As stated above, while air bubbles can perform ejection of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* and smooth treated water on a treated water pump by performing vapor liquid separation of treated water in a vacuum tank thru/or an attraction tank according to this invention, by maintaining the inside of a tank to fixed negative pressure, the stable attraction effectiveness can be acquired and the flux in a membrane-separation unit will become uniform as a result.

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#### **TECHNICAL FIELD**

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit which performs solid liquid separation in a tub.

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#### PRIOR ART

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, there is a thing as shown, for example in <u>drawing 3</u> as a configuration using a filter in water treatment. In <u>drawing 3</u>, to a reaction vessel 1, it lets the raw water supply pipe 2 pass, and raw water, such as sewage and nightsoil, flows, it mixes with the active sludge in a reaction vessel 1, and raw water forms mixed liquor 3. Moreover, air 5 is supplied to a diffuser 7 through an airpipe 6 by the blower 4, and aeration of the air 5 is carried out towards the upper part from a diffuser 7. It is made to circulate within a tub, while supplying oxygen into mixed liquor 3 by this aeration, carrying out stirring mixing of the mixed liquor 3 in a reaction vessel 1 by the lifting stirring style which occurs according to an airlift operation of air 5.

[0003] On the other hand, solid liquid separation of the mixed liquor 3 in a reaction vessel 1 is carried out with the membrane-separation unit 8, and the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane of the membrane-separation unit 8 is taken out to the treated water tub 12 through the siphon 11 with a suction pump 10 as treated water 9.

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#### TECHNICAL PROBLEM

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, in the above-mentioned conventional configuration, since the transparency liquid flow channel or siphon 11 inside a unit is negative pressure, in the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane of the membrane-separation unit 8, air bubbles arise for reduced pressure. These air bubbles checked the suction effect by \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* to the suction pump 10, and there was a problem to which the transparency rate of flow in a membrane-separation unit falls.

[0005] It aims at offering the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit which can always give fixed negative pressure to a membrane-separation unit, without this invention's solving the above-mentioned technical problem, and being affected by the air bubbles in transparency liquid.

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#### **MEANS**

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem, it connects with a vacuum tank, the siphon which the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit of this invention carries out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, and is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit is prepared, it is open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of a vacuum tank, treated water tubing is formed, and a treated water pump is infixed in the middle of treated water tubing, and it considers as the configuration which was open for free passage in the crowning of a vacuum tank, and formed the vacuum pump.

[0007] It carries out as the configuration which the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit of this invention carried out immersion arrangement of the membrane-separation unit into the membrane-separation tub into which processed water flows, connected with the attraction tank, prepared the siphon which is open for free passage to the transparency liquid flow channel of a membrane-separation unit, was open for free passage at the pars basilaris ossis occipitalis of an attraction tank, formed treated-water tubing, and opened for free passage and formed the feed pipe which infixed the treated-water pump in the middle of treated-water tubing, and infixed the closing-motion valve in an attraction tank.

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#### **OPERATION**

[Function] In the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit concerning the 1st configuration of above-mentioned this invention, fixed negative pressure is given to a membrane-separation unit through a vacuum tank and the siphon by actuation of a vacuum pump. In this condition, solid liquid separation of the processed water which piles up in a membrane-separation tub is carried out in a membrane-separation unit, and it draws in to a vacuum tank through a transparency liquid flow channel and the siphon by using as treated water the transparency liquid which penetrated the filtration membrane. The treated water which flowed in the vacuum tank piles up in the pars-basilaris-ossis-occipitalis side of a vacuum tank, emits the air bubbles produced with reduced pressure on the water surface in a tank, and vapor-liquid separates it. The gas in ejection and a vacuum tank takes out the treated water in a vacuum tank outside a vacuum pump through treated water tubing with a treated water pump.

[0009] Therefore, while air bubbles can perform ejection of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* and smooth treated water on a treated water pump by performing vapor liquid separation of treated water in a vacuum tank, by maintaining the inside of a vacuum tank to fixed negative pressure with a vacuum pump, the stable attraction effectiveness can be acquired and the flux in a membrane-separation unit will become uniform as a result.

[0010] the aspirator of the membrane-separation unit concerning the 2nd configuration of this invention -- setting -- the time of the early stages of operation -- a closing motion valve -- opening -- the inside of an attraction tank from a feed pipe -- start up -- service water -- supplying -- the inside of an attraction tank -- start up -- it fills with service water. and a closing motion valve -- blockading -- a treated water pump -- treated water tubing -- letting it pass -- the start up in an attraction tank -- service water is drawn out and

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#### **DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

Drawing 1] It is the whole aspirator block diagram of the membrane-separation unit in one example of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the whole aspirator block diagram of the membrane-separation unit in other examples of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is the conventional dipping former filter whole block diagram.

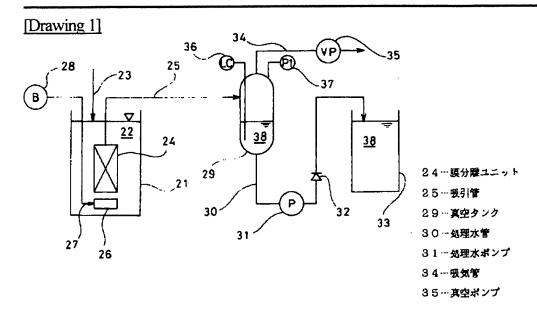
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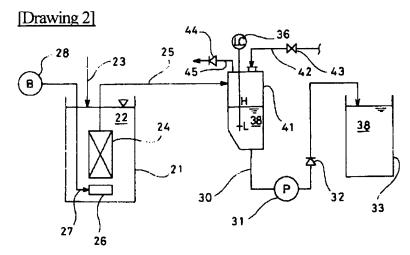
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- 29 Vacuum Tank
- 30 Treated Water Tubing
- 31 Treated Water Pump
- 34 Inlet Pipe
- 35 Vacuum Pump

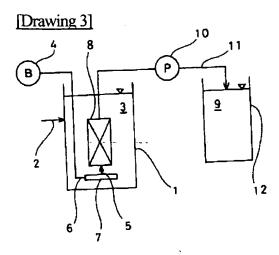
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#### **DRAWINGS**







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